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In re the Application of:

Akihiro TERADA, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

10. The pressing device according to claim 1, wherein a linear motor is used in place of said servomotor, and said linear motor also serves as said linear movement mechanism.

11. The pressing device according to claim 4, wherein a desired pressing force is obtained by controlling the current of said servomotor.

12. The pressing device according to claim 1, wherein said working tool mounting section is provided at a position on the fixed side of the movement mechanism of said pressing device.

13. The pressing device according to claim 1, wherein said working tool mounting section is provided at a position on the moving side of the movement mechanism of said

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